Promotion of Vocational Courses in States

1413. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what facilities are being offer ed for promotion of vocational courses in Government and Private Junior Colleges in different States; and

(b) whether the vocational courses in Junior Colleges are trated at par with Arts and Science courses in the matter of salary of vocational teach ing staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA)-, (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme pf Vocatiorialisation of Secondary Education, vocational courses are introduced at the -}-2 stage either in Junior colleges, junior sections of degree colleges, intermediate colleges or higher secondary schools. Under this scheme financial and academic assistance is provided to the States /UTs for approved purposes. Tha pattern of financial assistance varies fcr different items of expenditure.

(b) Under the above Scheme it is recommended that full-time teachers of vocational courses should be qualified persons at the salaries prevalent in the School system. However, actual determination pf the salary scale of vocational teaching staff is done by the respective State Governments/ UT's. The Scheme also envisages ap-pointment of part-time teachers who may have special competence to teach vocational courses.

1414. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बांदा जिले में वन विभाग के कर्मचारियों की मिलीभगत से वन क्षेत्र का भारी विनाश हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि वनों की कटाई से बांदा का पर्या-वरणीय संतुलन बिगड़ गया है, तथा वहां गर्मियों में तापमान खतरनाक रीति से बढ़ रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं अथवा उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Chlorine in the Drinking watersupplied to Civil Areas of DelhiCantonment

1415. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chlorinecontents present in drinking watersupplied to the residents of Civilareas of Sadar Bazar and Gopi NathBazar in Delhi Cantonment is beingchecked periodically;

(h) if so, the quantity of chlorine mixed per thousand litres;

(c) whether on account of excess mixing of chlorine and bleaching powder, the residents have been made to suffer from diarrhoea, vcmitting and stomachache;

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against the officials responsible therefor; and

(e) whether the Delhi Cantonment Btia'rd' Health Authorities carry out surprise checks; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN I THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. *MAJA* RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(by 1 PPM (One part per million).

(c) No, Sir. No excess chlorine is mixed.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Surprise checks are made once in a fortnight. No irregularity has been reported.

Safai Karaineharis of Delhi Cantonment Board Suffering from Tuberculosis

J 416. SHRT JAGDISH PRASAD ! MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a)' whether it is a fact that nearly fifty per cent of the Safai Karam-charis working with the Delhi Cantonment Board are suffering from Tuberculosis (T. B.);

(b) if so whether they have ever been examined by the T. B. Specia lists:

(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d)[p] what special steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ^ check the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. , **RAJA** RAMANNA): (a; Information regarding this is not maintained by "the Cantonment Board.

(b) They are provided free medi cal attention and treatment in the Cantonment General Hospital The patients suffering from acute diseas es (including TB) are referred to Specialist Hospitals.

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(c) Does not arise.

(d) Preventive measures such, as SGG injections are provided &ete, of cost in the Cantt. Hospital. The Csn-tonment Board employees. are £lso **entitled** for treatment in the Government Hospitals, which have adequate facilities fo$_r$ the treatment of this disease.

Ban on Hunting

1417. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban hunting in the country; and

(b> if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI); (a) and (b) Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act. 1972. there is a complete ban on hunting except when necessary for saving human life and for scientific purpose of the species list the Schedule I of the Act. For other species, the State Governments are empowered under the Act to issue hunting licences. However, for species listed in Schedule V of the Act and which are ver-mins, no hunting lincece is required.

विश्व पुस्तक मेले में हुई आय और उस पर हुआ व्यय

1418. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास (एन० बी. टी.) द्वारा फरवरी, 1990 में दिल्ली में आयोजित नौवें विश्व पुस्तक मेले में हुई आय और व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) 1989-90 में विभिन्न देशों में आयोजित पुस्तक मेलों में भाग लेने वाले राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के अधिकारियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं तथा उन अधिकारियों पर हुये व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और